

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks. Of claims 1-20 which were pending in this application, claims 10-20 were previously withdrawn and claim 5 was rejected by the Examiner. Applicants appreciate the allowance of claims 1-4 and 6-9. Claim 5 has been amended, without adding new matter, to depend from allowed claim 1.

I. Rejection of Claim 5

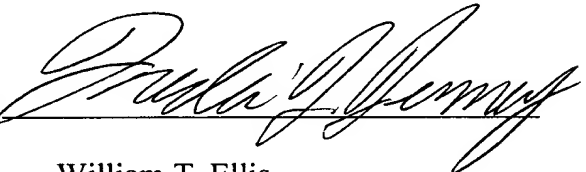
The Examiner rejected claim 5 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,363,171 ("Mack"). This rejection is now moot as claim 5 has been amended to depend from allowed claim 1. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests a withdrawal of the rejection of claim 5 under § 102(b).

CONCLUSION

For the reasons stated above, claims 1-9 are now in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned if such communication would expedite the prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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